

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE City of Duluth Fire Department

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DATE: 12/13/2013

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Processional for Rice Lake Fire Chief Matt Frantz

CASE NO.:

**INCIDENT DATE: 12/13/2013** 

**INCIDENT TIME:** 

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 

**SUBJECT: Processional for Rice Lake Fire Chief Matt Frantz** 

BY: Deputy Fire Chief Charlie Smith

The Duluth Fire Department would like to extend its sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues on the passing of Matt Frantz, Rice Lake Fire Department, Fire Chief. The Duluth Fire Department, along with numerous public safety partners, will be assisting the Rice Lake Fire Department in honoring the life and service of Fire Chief Frantz. Chief Frantz's death is being considered a Line of Duty Death and he will receive full fire department honors. A procession of emergency vehicles will be escorting Chief Frantz from Dougherty's Funeral Home on East 2nd Street to St. John's Church in the Woodland neighborhood. The procession will begin at approximately 1500 hours today and proceed on East 2nd Street, 21st Avenue East and Woodland Avenue. You may pay your respects to Chief Frantz anywhere along the route traveled by the procession. As Chief Frantz passes, we ask you remove any headgear you may be wearing to honor his service. Please call Deputy Chief Charles Smith at 218-730-4395 or Duluth Fire Department Headquarters at 218-730-4400 with any questions you may have.

208 Minnesota Firefighters have lost their lives, in the line of duty, since 1881.

Rice Lake Fire Department Chief, Matt Frantz: <a href="http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/event/obituary/id/285971/">http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/event/obituary/id/285971/</a>

Minnesota Fallen Firefighters Memorial Association: http://www.mffma.org/index.html

Duluth Fire Department: <a href="http://www.duluthmn.gov/fire/">http://www.duluthmn.gov/fire/</a>